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We Claim:

- 1. A method for inhibiting bone metastases and metastatic growth in a patient which comprises
- administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist.
- 2. The method of Claim 1 wherein the bone

 10 metastases are osteoblastic.
 - 3. The method of Claim 2 wherein the osteoblastic bone metastases result from the spread of a primary cancer selected from breast, prostate, lung, kidney, thyroid, myeloma, lymphoma, sarcoma, osteosarcoma, and ovarian.
 - 4. The method of Claim 3 wherein the primary cancer is prostate cancer and the patient is male.
 - 5. The method of Claim 1 which additionally comprises co-administeration of an anticancer drug.

- 6. The method of Claim 5 wherein the anticancer drug agent is selected from leuprolide, goserelin, bicalutamide, nilutamide, flutamide, vitamin D, vitamin D analogues, estrogen, estrogen analogues, prednisone, hydrocortisone, ketoconazole, cyproterone acetate, and progesterone.
- 7. The method of Claim 1 which additionally comprises the administeration of radiation therapy.
 - 8. The method of Claim 1 which additionally comprises the administeration of at least one therapeutic agent which impedes net bone loss.

- 9. The method of Claim 8 wherein the therapeutic agent is a bisphosphonate.
- 10. The method of Claim 1 wherein the endothelin antagonist is an ET_A -selective endothelin antagonist.
 - 11. A method for the inhibition of bone loss in a

patient which comprises administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist.

- 5 12. The method of Claim 11 wherein the patient has cancer.
 - 13. The method of Claim 11 wherein the cancer is prostate cancer and the patient is male.
 - 14. The method of Claim 11 which additionally comprises the administeration of at least one therapeutic agent which impedes net bone loss.
- 15. The method of Claim 14 wherein the therapeutic agent is a bisphosphonate.
- 16. A method for the reduction of cancer-related pain in a patient which comprises administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist.

- 17. The method of Claim 16 wherein the cancer is prostate cancer and the patient is male.
- 18. The method of Claim 16 which additionally comprises the administeration of an anticancer drug.
 - 19. The method of Claim 18 wherein the anticancer drug is selected from leuprolide, goserelin, bicalutamide, nilutamide, flutamide, vitamin D, vitamin D analogues, estrogen, estrogen analogues, prednisone, hydrocortisone, ketoconazole, cyproterone acetate, and progesterone.
 - 20. The method of Claim 17 which additionally comprises the administeration of radiation therapy.
 - 21. A method for inhibiting bone metastases in a patient which comprises administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I:

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wherein

R is $-(CH_2)_{m}-W$;

Z is selected from $-C(R_{18})(R_{19})$ and -C(0) -;

R₁ and R₂ are independently selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, alkoxyalkoxyalkyl,

- thioalkoxyalkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aminocarbonylalkyl, alkylaminocarbonylalkyl, dialkylaminocarbonylalkyl, aminocarbonylalkenyl, alkylaminocarbonylalkenyl, dialkylaminocarbonylalkenyl, hydroxyalkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, aryloxyalkyl,
- arylalkoxyalkyl, (N-alkanoyl-N-alkyl) aminoalkyl, alkylsulfonylamidoalkyl, heterocyclic, $(\text{heterocyclic}) \, \text{alkyl}, \, \text{and} \, (R_{\text{aa}}) \, (R_{\text{bb}}) \, \text{N-R}_{\text{cc}}^{-},$

with the proviso that one or both of \mathbf{R}_1 and \mathbf{R}_2 is other than hydrogen;

 $R_3 \text{ is selected from } R_4\text{-C(O)-R}_5\text{-, } R_4\text{-R}_5\text{a-, } R_4\text{-C(O)-R}_5\text{-N(R}_6\text{-N(R}_6\text{-S(O)}_2\text{-R}_7\text{--} R_2\text{6-S(O)}_2\text{-R}_7\text{-, } R_2\text{2-O-C(O)-R}_2\text{3-, } \\ loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, \\ cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, \\ heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, \\$

alkoxyalkoxyalkyl, and $R_{13}-C(0)-CH(R_{14})-;$

R4 and R6 are independently selected from (R11)(R12)N-, loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxy, alkoxyhaloalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl, dialkylaminoalkyl,

$$(CH_2)_z$$
 N R_{7a} R_{7a}

alkoxy, and

R5 is selected from a covalent bond, alkylene, alkenylene, $-N(R_{20})-R_8-$, $-R_{8a}-N(R_{20})-R_8-$, $-O-R_9-$, and $-R_{9a}-O-R_9-$;

R6 is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl or arylalkyl;

R7 is a covalent bond, alkylene, alkenylene -N(R21)-

 R_{10} -, and $-R_{10a}$ - $N(R_{21})$ - R_{10} -;

R8 is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;
R9 is alkylene;

 R_{10} is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

R₁₁ and R₁₂ are independently selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkylalkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, heterocyclic, arylalkyl, (heterocyclic)alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, aminoalkyl,trialkylaminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl,

 R_{13} is selected from amino, alkylamino and dialkylamino;

dialkylaminoalkyl, and carboxyalkyl;

 R_{14} is selected from aryl and $R_{15}-C(0)$ -;

R₁₅ is selected from amino, alkylamino and dialkylamino;

R₁₆ is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, aryl and dialkylamino;

R₁₇ is loweralkyl;

R₁₈ and R₁₉ are independently selected from hydrogen and loweralkyl;

R20 is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, alkenyl,

haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, cylcoalkyl and cycloalkylalkyl;

R21 is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, alkenyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl and arylalkyl;

R22 is selected from a carboxy protecting group and heterocyclic;

 $$\rm R_{23}$ is selected from covalent bond, alkylene, ${\rm alkenylene}~{\rm and}~-{\rm N\,(R_{24})\,-R_{25}\text{-};}$

R24 is selected from hydrogen and loweralkyl;
R25 is alkylene;

R26 is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl and alkoxy-substituted haloalkyl;

 R_{27} is selected from alkylene and alkenylene; R_{5a} is selected from alkylene and alkenylene; R_{7a} is alkylene;

 R_{8a} is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

20 R9a is alkylene;

R_{10a} is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

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R_{aa} is selected from aryl and arylalkyl;
R<sub>bb</sub> is selected from hydrogen and alkanoyl;
R<sub>CC</sub> is alkylene;
m is 0-6;
n is 0 or 1;
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z is 0-5;

E is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl and arylalkyl;

G is selected from hydrogen and a carboxy protecting group; and

W is selected from $-C(O)_2-G$; $-PO_3H_2$, -P(O)(OH)(E), -CN, -C(0)NHR₁₇, alkylaminocarbonyl,

dialkylaminocarbonyl, tetrazolyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, sulfonamido, $-C(0)NHS(0)_2R_{16}$, $-S(0)_2NHC(0)R_{16}$,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 22. The method of Claim 21 wherein the bone metastases are osteoblastic.
- 23. The method of Claim 22 wherein the osteoblastic bone metastases result from the spread of a primary cancer selected from breast, prostate, lung, kidney, thyroid, myeloma, lymphoma, sarcoma, osteosarcoma, and ovarian.
 - 24. The method of Claim 23 wherein the primary cancer is prostate cancer and the patient is male.
 - 25. The method of Claim 21 which additionally comprises the administeration of an anticancer drug.

- 26. The method of Claim 25 wherein the additional anticancer drug is selected from leuprolide, goserelin, bicalutamide, nilutamide, flutamide, vitamin D, vitamin D analogues, estrogen, estrogen analogues, prednisone, hydrocortisone, ketoconazole, cyproterone acetate, and
- 20 hydrocortisone, ketoconazole, cyproterone acetate, progesterone.

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- 27. The method of Claim 21 which additionally comprises the administeration of radiation therapy.
- 28. The method of Claim 21 which additionally comprises the administeration of at least one therapeutic agent which impedes net bone loss.
 - 29. The method of Claim 28 wherein the therapeutic agent is a bisphosphonate.

30. A method for the inhibition of bone loss in cancer patients which comprises administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I:

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wherein

R is $-(CH_2)_m-W$;

Z is selected from $-C(R_{18})(R_{19})$ - and -C(0) -;

 R_1 and R_2 are independently selected from hydrogen,

loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, alkoxyalkoxyalkyl, thioalkoxyalkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl,

- aminocarbonylalkyl, alkylaminocarbonylalkyl,
 dialkylaminocarbonylalkyl, aminocarbonylalkenyl,
 alkylaminocarbonylalkenyl, dialkylaminocarbonylalkenyl,
 hydroxyalkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, aryloxyalkyl,
 arylalkoxyalkyl, (N-alkanoyl-N-alkyl)aminoalkyl,
- alkylsulfonylamidoalkyl, heterocyclic, $(\mbox{heterocyclic}) \mbox{ alkyl, and } (\mbox{R}_{\mbox{aa}}) \mbox{ } (\mbox{R}_{\mbox{bb}}) \mbox{ } \mbox{N-R}_{\mbox{CC}^-},$

with the proviso that one or both of R_1 and R_2 is other than hydrogen;

R3 is selected from R4-C(0)-R5-, R4-R5a-, R4-C(0)-R5-N(R6)-, R6-S(0)2-R7-R26-S(0)-R27-, R22-O-C(0)-R23-, loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl, arylalkyl, arylalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, and R13-C(0)-CH(R14)-;

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(heterocyclic)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxy, alkoxyhaloalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl, dialkylaminoalkyl, alkoxy, and

$$(CH_2)_z$$
 N R_{7a} R_{7a}

R5 is selected from a covalent bond, alkylene, alkenylene, $-N(R_{20})-R_8-$, $-R_{8a}-N(R_{20})-R_8-$, $-O-R_9-$, and $-R_{9a}-O-R_9-$;

R6 is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl or arylalkyl; $R7 \ \text{is a covalent bond, alkylene, alkenylene -N(R}_{21}) - R_{10}-, \ \text{and} \ -R_{10}_{a}-N(R}_{21}) - R_{10}-;$

R8 is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;
R9 is alkylene;

R10 is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

R11 and R12 are independently selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkylalkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclic, arylalkyl,

20 (heterocyclic)alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy,

aminoalkyl,trialkylaminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl,
dialkylaminoalkyl, and carboxyalkyl;

 R_{13} is selected from amino, alkylamino and dialkylamino;

R₁₄ is selected from aryl and R_{15} -C(0)-;

R₁₅ is selected from amino, alkylamino and dialkylamino;

R₁₆ is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, aryl and dialkylamino;

10 R₁₇ is loweralkyl;

 R_{18} and R_{19} are independently selected from hydrogen and loweralkyl;

R20 is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, alkenyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, cylcoalkyl and cycloalkylalkyl;

R21 is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, alkenyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl and arylalkyl;

R₂₂ is selected from a carboxy protecting group and heterocyclic;

 $$\rm R_{23}$ is selected from covalent bond, alkylene, ${\rm alkenylene}~{\rm and}~{\rm -N\,(R_{24})\,-R_{25}\text{-};}$

R24 is selected from hydrogen and loweralkyl;

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R<sub>25</sub> is alkylene;
          R26 is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl,
    alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl,
    heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl and
    alkoxy-substituted haloalkyl;
          R27 is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;
          R5a is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;
          R<sub>7a</sub> is alkylene;
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          R_{8a} is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;
          R9a is alkylene;
          R_{10a} is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;
          R<sub>aa</sub> is selected from aryl and arylalkyl;
          Rbb is selected from hydrogen and alkanoyl;
         R<sub>CC</sub> is alkylene;
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          m is 0-6;
          n is 0 or 1;
          z is 0-5;
          E is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl and
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    arylalkyl;
         G is selected from hydrogen and a carboxy protecting
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group; and

W is selected from $-C(O)_2-G$; $-PO_3H_2$, -P(O)(OH)(E), -CN, $-C(O)NHR_{17}$, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, tetrazolyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, sulfonamido, $-C(O)NHS(O)_2R_{16}$, $-S(O)_2NHC(O)R_{16}$,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 10 31. The method of Claim 30 wherein the cancer is prostate cancer and the patient is male.
 - 32. The method of Claim 30 which additionally comprises the administeration of at least one therapeutic agent which impedes net bone loss.
 - 33. The method of Claim 32 wherein the therapeutic agent is a bisphosphonate.

34. A method for the reduction of cancer-related pain which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I:

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wherein

R is $-(CH_2)_m-W$;

Z is selected from $-C(R_{18})(R_{19})$ and -C(0) -;

R₁ and R₂ are independently selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, alkoxyalkoxyalkyl,

- thioalkoxyalkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aminocarbonylalkyl, alkylaminocarbonylalkyl, dialkylaminocarbonylalkyl, aminocarbonylalkenyl, alkylaminocarbonylalkenyl, dialkylaminocarbonylalkenyl, hydroxyalkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, aryloxyalkyl,
- 20 arylalkoxyalkyl, (N-alkanoyl-N-alkyl)aminoalkyl,

alkylsulfonylamidoalkyl, heterocyclic, $(\text{heterocyclic}) \, \text{alkyl}, \, \text{and} \, \left(R_{\text{aa}} \right) \left(R_{\text{bb}} \right) N - R_{\text{cc}} - ,$

with the proviso that one or both of \mathbf{R}_1 and \mathbf{R}_2 is other than hydrogen;

R₃ is selected from R₄-C(O)-R₅-, R₄-R_{5a}-, R₄-C(O)-R₅-N(R₆)-, R₆-S(O)₂-R₇-R₂₆-S(O)-R₂₇-, R₂₂-O-C(O)-R₂₃-, loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, and R₁₃-C(O)-CH(R₁₄)-;

R4 and R6 are independently selected from (R11)(R12)N-, loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl,

haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxy, alkoxyhaloalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl, dialkylaminoalkyl, alkoxy, and

$$(CH_2)_z$$
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-R_{9a}-O-R_{9}-;
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R6 is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl or arylalkyl;
R7 is a covalent bond, alkylene, alkenylene -N(R21)-

5 R_{10} -, and $-R_{10a}$ - $N(R_{21})$ - R_{10} -;

R8 is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;
R9 is alkylene;

R₁₀ is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

 R_{11} and R_{12} are independently selected from

hydrogen, loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkylalkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclic, arylalkyl, (heterocyclic)alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, aminoalkyl,trialkylaminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl, dialkylaminoalkyl, and carboxyalkyl;

 $$R_{13}$$ is selected from amino, alkylamino and dialkylamino;

R₁₆ is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, aryl and

dialkylamino;

R₁₇ is loweralkyl;

 R_{18} and R_{19} are independently selected from hydrogen and loweralkyl;

R20 is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, alkenyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, cylcoalkyl and cycloalkylalkyl;

R21 is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, alkenyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl and arylalkyl;

 R_{22} is selected from a carboxy protecting group and heterocyclic;

 R_{23} is selected from covalent bond, alkylene, alkenylene and $-N(R_{24})-R_{25}-;$

R24 is selected from hydrogen and loweralkyl;
R25 is alkylene;

R26 is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl and alkoxy-substituted haloalkyl;

 R_{27} is selected from alkylene and alkenylene; R_{5a} is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

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R<sub>7a</sub> is alkylene;
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 R_{8a} is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

R9a is alkylene;

R_{10a} is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

Raa is selected from aryl and arylalkyl;

 $R_{\mbox{\scriptsize bb}}$ is selected from hydrogen and alkanoyl;

R_{CC} is alkylene;

m is 0-6;

n is 0 or 1;

z is 0-5;

E is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl and arylalkyl;

G is selected from hydrogen and a carboxy protecting group; and

W is selected from $-C(0)_2-G$; $-PO_3H_2$, -P(0)(OH)(E), -CN, $-C(0)NHR_{17}$, alkylaminocarbonyl,

dialkylaminocarbonyl, tetrazolyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, sulfonamido, -C(0)NHS(0) $_2$ R $_{16}$, -S(0) $_2$ NHC(0)R $_{16}$,

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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 35. The method of Claim 34 wherein the cancer is prostate cancer and the patient is male.
 - 36. The method of Claim 34 which additionally comprises the administeration of an anticancer drug.
 - 37. The method of Claim 36 wherein the additional anticancer drug is selected from leuprolide, goserelin, bicalutamide, nilutamide, flutamide, vitamin D, vitamin D analogues, estrogen, estrogen analogues, prednisone, hydrocortisone, ketoconazole, cyproterone acetate, and progesterone.
 - 38. A method for inhibiting bone metastases in a patient which comprises administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula III

III.

- 39. The method of Claim 38 wherein the bone metastases are osteoblastic.
- 40. The method of Claim 39 wherein the osteoblastic bone metastases result from the spread of a primary cancer selected from breast, prostate, lung, kidney, thyroid, myeloma, lymphoma, sarcoma, osteosarcoma, and ovarian.
- 41. The method of Claim 40 wherein the primary cancer is prostate cancer and the patient is male.
- 15 42. The method of Claim 40 which additionally comprises the administeration of an anticancer drug.

- 43. The method of Claim 42 wherein the additional anticancer drug is selected from leuprolide, goserelin, bicalutamide, nilutamide, flutamide, vitamin D, vitamin D analogues, estrogen, estrogen analogues, prednisone, hydrocortisone, ketoconazole, cyproterone acetate, and progesterone.
- 44. The method of Claim 40 which additionally comprises the administeration of radiation therapy.
 - 45. The method of Claim 40 which additionally comprises the administeration of at least one therapeutic agent which impedes net bone loss.

- 46. The method of Claim 45 wherein the agent is a bisphosphonate.
- 47. The method of Claim 40 wherein the endothelin antagonist is an ${\rm ET_A}{\text{-}}{\rm selective}$ endothelin antagonist.
 - 48. A method for the inhibition of bone loss in

cancer patients which comprises administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula III

III.

- 49. The method of Claim 48 wherein the cancer is prostate cancer and the patient is male.
- 50. The method of Claim 48 which additionally comprises the administeration of at least one therapeutic agent which impedes net bone loss.
- 51. The method of Claim 50 wherein therapeutic agent is a bisphosphonate.

52. A method for the reduction of cancer-related pain which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula III

III.

53. The method of Claim 52 wherein the cancer is prostate cancer and the patient is male.

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- 54. The method of Claim 52 which additionally comprises the administeration of an anticancer drug.
- 55. The method of Claim 54 wherein the anticancer
 drug is selected from leuprolide, goserelin,
 bicalutamide, nilutamide, flutamide, vitamin D, vitamin D

analogues, estrogen, estrogen analogues, prednisone, hydrocortisone, ketoconazole, cyproterone acetate, and progesterone.

- 56. A method for preventing new bone metastases in a patient which comprises administring to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist.
 - 57. A method for inhibiting metastatic growth in a patient which comprises administring to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist.
- 58. A method for inhibiting bone turnover in a patient which comprises administring to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist.